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	Examiner Eugene H Eickholt	Art Unit 2854	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 23-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,9-13,15,17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-8,14,16 and 19-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: ____.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 4, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mathis.

Die face 3 reads on the first embellishing surface and sides 7 reads on the second embellishing surface. See figs. 4-5 and col. 3, lines 5-6 concerning the die face facing away corresponding to or being similar to the die face 3. This face 7 is said to be the same at col. 3, lines 29-31 which anticipates claims 4 and 15. Die faces 3 and 7 are shown on opposite sides which anticipates claims 2 and 13. Regarding claim 9, col. 4, lines 58-59 teach the die body itself may be a metal strip".

Claim 12 calls for a press. Column 9, lines 53-56 teach use of a hard roller 23 as a press which anticipates claims 12 and 17. Regarding claim 18 which calls for a deformable elastic pad between the media and the press, roller 23 reads on the press and pad 8 (shown in Fig.2) on the pad. See col. 8 lines 11-18.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mathis.

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Mathis at col. 4, lines 58-59 teaches the die body may be of metal. Steel and aluminum are commonly known metals, steel for its strength and aluminum for its light weight. Steel is obviously suggested as a well known magnetic metal and aluminum as a well known non-ferrous magnetic metal. It would have been obvious to select either steel or aluminum as the metal to be used with Mathis as a matter of design choice amongst well know metals.

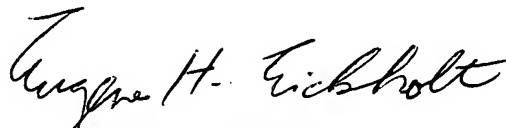
Claims 3, 5-8, 14, 16 and 19-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 23-29 stand allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. A shortened statutory period of 3 months is set to respond.

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Any inquiry concerning the specifics of this communication should be directed to Examiner Eickholt, who can be reached Tuesday through Thursday. Inquiries of a general nature should be directed to the TC2800 receptionist.

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